

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 871  
INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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DEPT. FOR A/SY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DIKEOS, AF/EX  
SALAZAR AND AF/C JUNIOR; KINSHASA FOR AMBASSADOR CUTLER  
AND RSO FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: AMGT, ASEC, APER, CF  
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION - BRAZZAVILLE

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, ADMIN OFFICER GENE BAILEY IS SCHEDULED  
TO DEPART BRAZZAVILLE AT LATEST EARLY SEPTEMBER. IN VIEW  
OF ON-GOING PROCESS OF REOPENING POST, INCREASED PERSONNEL,  
AND UPCOMING INSPECTION, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT A FRENCH-  
SPEAKING REPLACEMENT BE MADE AVAILABLE SOONEST.

2. RSO KINSHASA, PETER SPALDING, HAS JUST COMPLETED A  
WEEK HERE. I WAS EXTREMELY IMPRESSED WITH HIM AND AM  
FULLY CONFIDENT THAT HE HAS THE ABILITY TO CARRY OUT OUR  
ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS. DURING HIS WEEK IN  
BRAZZAVILLE, SPALDING DISPLAYED INITIATIVE,  
IMAGINATION, AND VIGOR. BY VISITING LOCAL CONTRACTORS,  
HE GOT PROJECTS MOVING; AND THROUGH HIS SYMPATHETIC  
ATTITUDE, HE WAS MOST RESPONSIVE TO REQUESTS FROM MY  
STAFF. AND, NOT INSIGNIFICANTLY, IT WAS PETER WHO  
VOLUNTEERED TO ME THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO ASSUME THE  
ADMIN OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES IN BRAZZAVILLE.

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3. WHILE PETER SPALDING DOES NOT HAVE EXTENSIVE  
EXPERIENCE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HE HAS COMPLETED  
THE ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS COURSE. FURTHERMORE, A  
RESERVOIR OF ASSISTANCE AND EXPERTISE IS A 20-MINUTE  
FERRY BOAT RIDE AWAY AT THE EMBASSY IN KINSHASA.  
ADDITIONALLY, SPALDING'S RSO CAPABILITIES WOULD BE

PUT TO GOOD USE, WITH THE SEVERAL IMPORTANT SY  
PROJECTS WE HAVE ON HAND.

4. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT WHAT PETER SPALDING--WHO  
DOES SPEAK FRENCH--MAY LACK IN ADMINISTRATIVE  
EXPERIENCE, HE FULLY MAKES UP FOR IN HIS HELPFUL, "CAN-  
DO" APPROACH. AT THIS POINT, I CONSIDER THE LATTER TO  
BE MORE ESSENTIAL THAN THE FORMER.

5. I THEREFORE REQUEST THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, SY  
RELEASE PETER SPALDING IN ORDER TO ALLOW HIM TO  
ASSUME THE DUTIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER HERE AT THE  
EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

6. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR CUTLER,  
WHO WILL BE SENDING A SEPARATE MESSAGE CONCERNING  
KINSHASA'S SY PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS AS THEY RELATE TO  
THE CONSIDERATION OF MR. SPALDING'S ASSIGNMENT TO  
BRAZZAVILLE.  
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